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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of:

Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/540,234

Filed: April 3, 2000

Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants**

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**Request for Oral Hearing
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter. A duplicate copy of this Request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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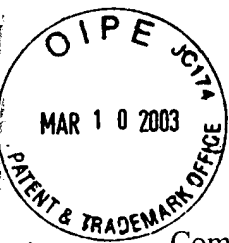
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.001/15726B:

\$ 280.00 Request for Oral Hearing

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/15726B. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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